



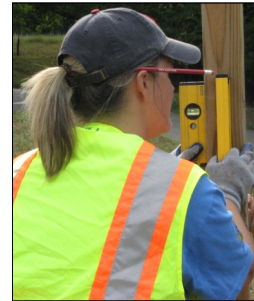
Volunteer Report

2010

Another amazing year for volunteerism in the park! During FY2010, across all program areas in the park, a total number of 2,903 people volunteered to help the park, contributing 52,566 hours of service, 2,085 more hours than in FY 2009 which has an estimated dollar value of \$1,096,001.10.

In 2010 the park was awarded Best Volunteer Program in the Northeast Region of the National Park Service in recognition of the service from the previous year.

We continue to benefit from an increase in volunteerism over the past seven-years. People from the surrounding communities are getting involved to help preserve the park cultural, natural and recreational resources for a number of reasons. The biggest reason we have heard over the year is because they love the park and want to lend a hand wherever they can. Volunteer contributions are vital to quality experiences for the public and preservation of park resources. The increase in innovative volunteer projects and programs has spurred a greater interest from businesses, corporations, universities, high schools, youth organizations, religious organizations and individual families to donate time



Volunteers working on a land beautification project in front of the Visitor Center during NPLD (above). Tauck Tours volunteer working on traffic signs at the Washington's Headquarters area (left).



Highlights:

- Record number of youth volunteers in every program area of the park resulting in an increase in interest in internship and youth employment opportunities.
- 2nd year of a public archaeology program at Washington's Headquarters focusing on locating the site of the "log cabin dining room".
- The Crayfish Corps Program, launched in 2009 to assist with managing the issue of invasive crayfish threatening the Valley Creek ecosystem, has seen a growth in volunteer participation, the majority of participants are youth. This program continues to be one of the fastest growing volunteer programs in the park.
- 2nd year of the Student Conservation Association Philadelphia Community Conservation Crew. 12 high school aged young men and women with two youth leaders from the Philadelphia area. The crew assisted with natural resources and landscape maintenance projects and was provided activities which provided valuable life skills, and environmental and American history education.
- 6th week long Nat'l Sierra Club Outing Vacation. 15 volunteers from across the country came for a one-week service trip to help with natural resources related projects. They participated in guide hikes, a trolley tour, a behind the scene vault tour and explored the surrounding area.
- Tauck World Tours of Discovery participated in a corporate volunteer day. The World of Giving employees, families and friends helped with various maintenance projects at Washington's Headquarters. Tauck also donated \$1,000 to the park.

We want to give a special thank you to volunteers and partners for their support and helping to make FY2010 another great year

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